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Application No.

08/739,264

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Mary K Zeman

Group Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment and declarations filed 1/20/98 and 4/23/98.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3, 4, 7, 24-26, and 28-34.

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☒ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including change required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

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☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☒ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Heidi Nebel on 4/23/98.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 2, 6 and 27 have been canceled.

Claim 1. A method for activating and modulating the immune system of an animal comprising:

(a) growing bacteria in a medium, wherein the bacteria is of a class selected from the group consisting of *Lactobacillus*, *Staphylococcus*, *Streptococcus*, *Pseudomonas*, *Bacillus*, *Escherichia*, *Enterococcus*, and *Klebsiella*;

(b) exposing said bacteria to biological, chemical or physical stress so that the bacteria release a stress release product into the medium;

(c) removing said bacteria from said medium and said stress release product to form a separated product;

(d) filtering said separated product through a filter having a 10,000 dalton molecular weight cutoff to obtain said stress release product; and

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(e) administering an effective amount of said stress release product to said animal.

[In claim 3, line 1, "said step" has been replaced with "the step"

Claim ~~24~~⁵. A method for modulating the immune system of an animal comprising:

administering to said animal an effective amount of a product released by bacteria in response to stress wherein the stress release product is made by a method comprising:

(a) growing bacteria in a medium, wherein the bacteria is of a class selected from the group consisting of *Lactobacillus*, *Staphylococcus*, *Streptococcus*, *Pseudomonas*,

Bacillus, *Escherichia*, *Enterococcus*, and *Klebsiella*;

(b) exposing said bacteria to biological, chemical or physical stress so that the bacteria release a stress release product into the medium;

(c) removing said bacteria from said medium and said stress release product to form a separated product;

(d) filtering said separated product through a filter having a 10,000 dalton molecular weight cutoff to obtain said stress release product; and

(e) administering an effective amount of said stress release product to said animal.

and further providing that the stress release product is administered to the animal in a delivery form selected from the group consisting of forms for parenteral delivery, gels for oral delivery, lozenges for oral delivery, nasal sprays, ear drops, vaginal creams, vaginal suppositories, and topical ointments.

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Claim 26: "the product" has been replaced with "said stress release product" and "stress factors" has been replaced with "said stress release product"

Claim 28: "the product" has been replaced with "said stress release product"

Claim 29: "factors have" has been replaced with "product has"

Claim 30: "the product" has been replaced with "said stress release product"

Claim 31: "the product" has been replaced with "said stress release product" and "to produce higher levels.....pathogen" has been deleted.

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Claim 32: A method of maintaining the viability of bacteria during storage and shipment comprising:

administering to said bacteria a product released by bacteria in response to stress, wherein the stress release product is made by a method comprising:

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(a) growing bacteria in a medium, wherein the bacteria is of a class selected from the group consisting of *Lactobacillus*, *Staphylococcus*, *Streptococcus*, *Pseudomonas*, *Bacillus*, *Escherichia*, *Enterococcus*, and *Klebsiella*;

(b) exposing said bacteria to biological, chemical or physical stress so that the bacteria release a stress release product into the medium;

(c) removing said bacteria from said medium and said stress release product to form a separated product; and

(d) filtering said separated product through a filter having a 10,000 dalton molecular weight cutoff to obtain said stress release product.

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Claim 33: "pneurmoniae" has been replaced with "pneumoniae"

Claim ¹⁴~~34~~: A method for activating and modulating the immune system of an animal comprising:

(a) growing bacteria in a medium, wherein the bacteria is selected from the group consisting of *L. acidophilus*, *L. caseii*, *L. fermentum*, *L. plantarum*, *L. monocytogenes*, *S. aureus*, *S.*

typhimurium, *P. acidolactici*, *B. coryneforme*, *E. coli*, *E. faecium*, *S. pyogenes*, and *K.*

pneumoniae;

BK (b) exposing said bacteria to biological, chemical or physical stress such that the bacteria release a stress release product;

(c) removing said bacteria from said medium and said stress release product to form a separated product;

(d) filtering said separated product through a filter having a 10,000 dalton molecular weight cutoff to obtain said stress release product; and

(e) administering an effective amount of said stress release product to said animal.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claimed invention is drawn to methods of modulating the immune system of an animal by providing a factor released by bacteria under various stressed conditions. The factor, as yet, has not been characterized, but is identified by way of its molecular weight, absorption, and activity. Applicant has provided evidence that the factors of the invention are not bacteriocins, another factor produced by bacteria. Applicant has also provided a 132 declaration disclosing many additional stresses under which the claimed factors are produced. The factors produced by all of these methods are said to

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modulate the immune system. The art of record does not teach or suggest that products released by stress would have the effects shown on the immune system.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary K Zeman whose telephone number is (703) 305-7133. The examiner can be reached between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday, and on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marian Knode, can be reached on (703) 308-4311.

The fax number for this Art Unit is (703) 305-7401.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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April 23, 1998


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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
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